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Attorney Docket No. 201804

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In re Application of:

KUMP et al.

Serial No. 09/379,051

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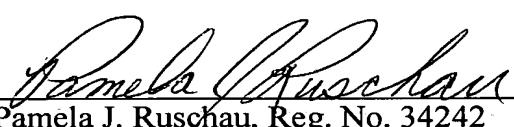
**SURRENDER OF ORIGINAL PATENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Attached please find the Surrender of Original Patent Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178. It is respectfully submitted that, upon the surrender of this original patent, the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Office have any questions, require anything further, or believe that a telephone conference would expedite the allowance and issuance of this case, the Examiner is invited to call or otherwise contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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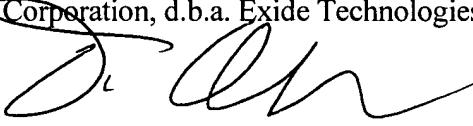
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, the applicant hereby surrenders the original patent. If, for some reason, the reissue application does not issue or becomes abandoned, the applicant will request the return of the surrendered original patent.

On behalf of the applicant,

GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and  
Exide ~~Corporation~~, d.b.a. Exide Technologies

Date: Feb. 4, 2002

  
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